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"The administration hides behind the fact that something is 'in' J-Board ... I kind of think it's bogus."
—Karl Bekeny '99

Falkner approved by faculty

DAN SHORTRIDGE
NEWS EDITOR

Professor Thomas Falkner received the faculty's stamp of approval as President Stan Hales' nominee to be the new Dean of the Faculty on Monday night. In an advisory vote, the faculty set the stage for Falkner's approval by the Board of Trustees later this spring.

According to several in attendance, the faculty voted 68 to 13, with one abstention, to approve Falkner's nomination. This stands in contrast to the 1993 vote approving the nomination of the current Dean of the Faculty Susan Figge, when the faculty voted 55 to 22, with eight members abstaining.

Falkner declined an interview with the *Voice* this week, saying that it would be "inappropriate" to discuss his nomination until the Board votes, possibly presenting that body's approval as a "fait accompli."

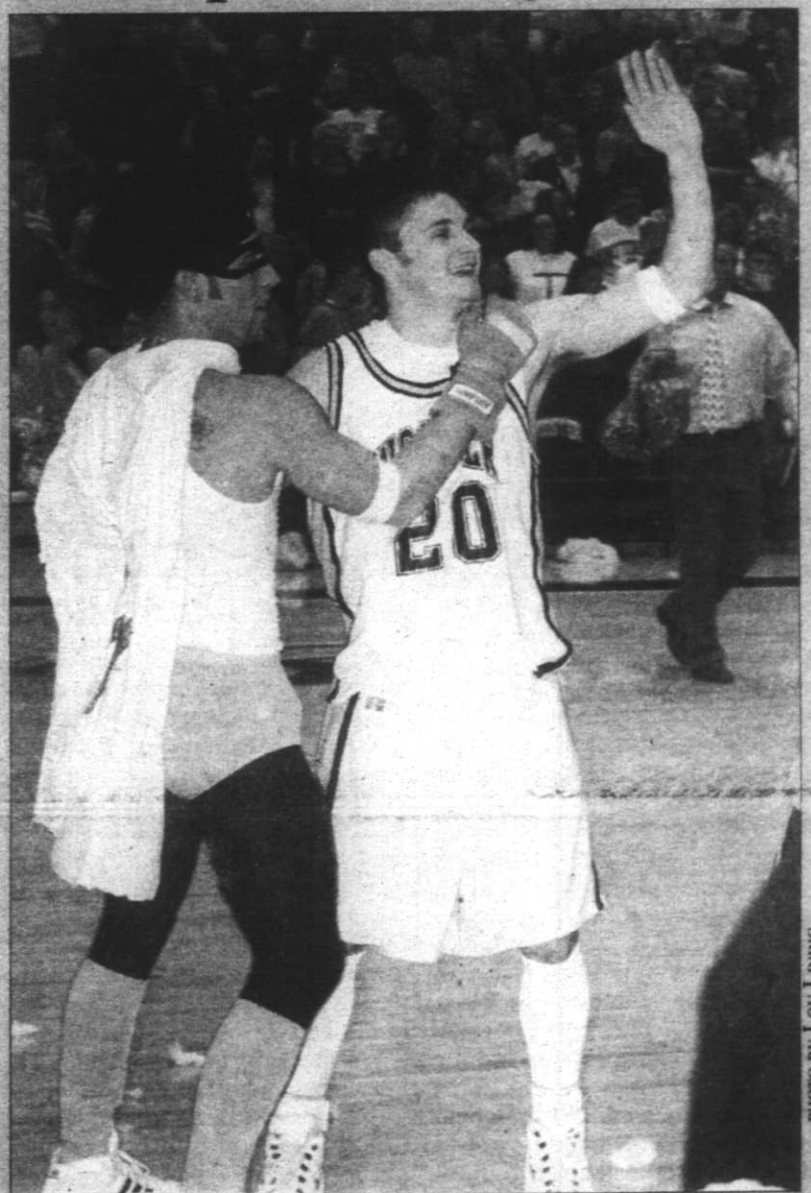
The faculty also discussed the Greek system, a debate sparked by the allegations of hazing against several members of the Kappa Chi section. According to Associate Professor of History Karen Taylor, the discussion included several faculty members sharing their concerns about the differences between local clubs and sections and national fraternities and sororities.

"I think that it's silly for us to claim that we have no fraternities and sororities," Taylor told the *Voice*. "The clubs and sections that we have suffer from the same problems that fraternities and sororities do," such as sexism and hazing, she said. "It annoys me that we call them different names."

Taylor said that she and several other faculty members, whom she declined to name, are researching the history of the localization of clubs and sections at Wooster.

"There are a lot of faculty who are

Scot Spirit ... of a sort



Jeff Nowoczynski '99 celebrates with player Brian Watkins '00.

unhappy with their presence on campus," she said.

Other faculty members used the hazing allegations to spark discussions in their classes. One such instructor was Susanne Scholz, an assistant professor of religious studies. "I shared with my students a 'cross-cultural' observation from my originally German background," said Scholz. "At German universities uncountable students reject fraternities because fraternities have had a politically very conservative tradition and history."

"Many fraternities, for instance, supported the Nazi regime during

the 1930s and 1940s," she said. "When I came to the United States several years ago, I was therefore very surprised to learn that fraternities enjoy a relatively high acceptance level among American university students."

Scholz said that the discussions in her classes were fruitful. "Our class discussions demonstrated quite well that further conversations around the whole issue of 'social clubs' and their function ... on campus might provide a good opportunity to clarify political, societal and spiritual positions of students, faculty and administrators."

Alcohol tops agenda

HEATHER MILUM
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Director of Residential Life Dwayne Davis attended this week's Campus Council meeting and joined their ongoing debate regarding the best way to prevent alcohol abuse here at the College. Council discussed the possibility of promoting "legal" parties by lowering the cost of party assistants. Specifically, members raised the possible solution of training active Greeks as party assistants; the members would then trade their services free of charge whenever a party took place.

Davis, however, voiced his uncertainty as to whether or not lowering the cost of party assistants would actually result in more contracted, campus-wide parties. "I don't think moving this expense will change the situation," he said, noting that only eight contracts had been enacted so far this year.

Davis also expressed doubt that Greeks would be able to regulate drinking amongst themselves, and reminded Council that when party assistants were first introduced, in 1986, both the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Inter-Greek Council felt that they needed outside assistance in order to abide by drinking regulations. "The decision was that it was too high risk

behavior ... that they would agree not to abide by the rules amongst themselves," Davis said. "I just don't think we're ready for self-governance."

SGA President Karl Bekeny '99 disagreed with the assertion that party assistants must be non-Greek in order to regulate drinking. "I don't see the difference between having members of other groups serve and having trained students serve," he said.

Several other Council members felt that the presence of party assistants was actually inconsequential to the abuse of alcohol on campus. Maggie Odle '99, member-at-large, commented that "In many of these parties, even with party assistants, people with bands often just go get beer for those who are underage."

Council ended the meeting without voting on any final solutions. However, Ryan Dansak '00, SGA Vice President of Student Affairs, did propose a plan in which two of the required party assistants would be swapped among Greeks. He suggested that the third party assistant be a trained student outside of Greek life, for added safety, who would be paid for through SGA funds so that clubs or sections would be free any monetary obligations. The proposal will be discussed over the next few days among Council members and will continue to be addressed at upcoming meetings.

Investigation continues

The Wooster Police Department is continuing its investigation into allegations of hazing against members of Kappa Chi. Captain Don Edwards was not available for comment, but department staff member Cheryl Anderson confirmed that the investigation was still proceeding. Until the case is closed, Anderson said, the department's files will not be available to the public. The records division will only release the report's cover page.

When the investigation concludes, the department will turn the case over to the municipal

prosecutor's office, which will then decide whether or not to press criminal charges. The four students named as suspects in the report filed two weeks ago could face up to 30 days in prison and a \$250 fine if convicted of hazing, a fourth-degree misdemeanor.

Reliable sources have told the *Voice* that the four suspects named in the police report and two other members of Kappa Chi have been threatened with a civil lawsuit. Yet as of press time Wednesday, no suit has been filed.

—DAN SHORTRIDGE

THE FINE PRINT

✓ Seniors should get measured for caps and gowns today and tomorrow from 10-2 in the bookstore.

✓ Bring a copy of Toni Morrison's "Beloved" to the film's showing in Mateer at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. on Saturday and get in free. For the non-literary, the flick costs \$1.

✓ Tonight in Mateer at 7:30, Eric Saperston will speak on "The Journey," compliments of SAB.

✓ The Student Health Center is sponsoring a health fair in the Lowry Lounge next Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

✓ Housing applications for permanent charter houses, program houses, language programs, club/section housing and off-campus living are due Monday in the housing office at 4 p.m.

News Briefs

CAMPUS

• **Pi Kappa member Jeannie Kosinski '00** has emphatically denied that any of the group's new members quit after new member education began. An unnamed new member had alleged that she dropped out of Peanut pledging because late night phone calls required the members to "get their asses over to Bissman and run errands." Kosinski told the *Voice* that the allegation had to be untrue since all of the would-be new members who quit did so on the Friday before the process even began.

POLICE

• **BREAKING AND ENTERING AT LOCAL CHURCHES:** Three Wooster churches, all on North Market Street, were broken into over the weekend.

— At Central Christian Church, between Friday night and Saturday morning, \$15 to \$20 was stolen from the petty cash fund in the church office. Pictures were ripped off the walls in both the church office and pastor's office, and the contents of desks and drawers were emptied. A police report said that the burglars had gained entry by breaking through the south kitchen window. Damage was assessed at between \$100 and \$500. Officers gathered shoe prints and glove fibers from the scene.

— Zion Lutheran Church was also broken into, between 5 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Although no money was stolen, the burglars caused between \$300 and \$400 in damage.

— Between Sunday and Monday, the United Methodist Church was also broken into. Officers found the north-east exterior door forced open, surrounded by pry marks. The intruders took \$250 in bills and \$40 in change from the church office.

There were no suspects named in any of the cases.

• **SCUFFLE AT THE LAUNDROMAT:** Saturday around 3 a.m. three men entered the Beall Avenue Laundromat, located at 1551 Beall, and demanded money from a patron. The three men then began to punch and kick the victim, until another customer and the man's wife came to his aid. His wife used pepper spray on one of the assailants, and they were able to restrain him as the others fled. The police were called, and arrested the man.

NATIONAL

• **BLUMENTHAL SPEAKS:** Former "New Yorker" writer and Clinton apologist Sidney Blumenthal gave a deposition for President Clinton's Senate trial yesterday, the last deposition to be given of the three witnesses called by the House trial managers. According to congressional sources, Senate Republicans who want to end the trial soon are considering a declaration that Clinton "willfully provided false and misleading testimony" to the grand jury, even while not removing him from office.

Blumenthal had stated that he heard Clinton refer to the erstwhile intern as "the stalker." Clinton also supposedly told the former journalist that Monica "came at me and made a sexual demand on me."

• **WEB SITE MUST PAY:** The anti-abortion activists who created a Web site with names and addresses of abortion doctors and "Wanted" posters with their pictures must pay \$107 million in damages, a federal jury ruled Tuesday. The suit had been filed under a 1994 federal law that prohibits inciting violence against abortionists or their patients. Defendant Michael Bray called the ruling "an obscene assault upon the right to free speech." Dr. Elizabeth Newhall retorted, "Free speech is not in jeopardy. Women and their providers are." The verdict took the jury four and one-half days.

• **MONKEE GETS \$:** A jury found on Tuesday that PBS owes ex-Monkee Michael Nesmith \$47 million for fraud, breach of contract and contract interference, according to Nesmith's lawyer. "It's like catching your grandmother stealing your stereo," said the former simian. "On one hand, you're happy to have the stereo back. On the other, you're sad to find your grandmother's a thief."

Peacemaking speech opens series

Thirty-third annual Clergy Academy begins

DANIEL FRANKLIN
STAFF WRITER

A true commitment to peacemaking must involve both a person's "heart and head," according to Sister Kathleen Ryan, S.N.D., who inaugurated the 33rd Annual Clergy Academy of Religion on Tuesday with a speech in Lean Lecture Hall.

Ryan is the director of legislative affairs and education for the Cleveland-area Commission on Catholic Community Affairs and has worked with social justice and education programs for a number of years. Speaking from a Catholic perspective, Ryan argued that the underpinnings of social work must include an "interactive life," which incorporates God, one's neighbor, the self and the earth.

A Christian's motivation for making peace, Ryan said, should come from the Scriptures. The challenge of peacemaking, she said, comes from Matthew 25 — "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to Me." The challenge, according to Ryan, involves viewing the "other" as "us," in breaking down the barriers between oneself and other groups. She said that the Bible contains the basis for this challenge. "In every [parable]," Ryan said, "Jesus invites inclusion."

Ryan also offered two practical examples of peacemaking today. The Gandhi-King-Day Program, named after social justice leaders Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Dorothy Day, teaches non-violence in public and private schools in the Cleveland area. It is based on the idea of going "into the schools with the message to reach the young people," Ryan said. "They hungered for things," she said — and Ryan and others responded by teaching peace through drumming, singing, art, parties and other



Sister Kathleen Ryan speaks on practical peacemaking PHOTO BY AMELIA KAYS

special projects. The students eventually signed the "Gandhi-King-Day Partnership Pledge," promising to practice nonviolence in their daily lives.

The key to the group's success was their determination to succeed and their ability "to project that peace is possible," Ryan said. "We were hard to resist."

The other example of practical peacemaking Ryan gave was the "Church In The City" program, begun five years ago at an urban ministry meeting in Cleveland. The group began to explore the issues of urban sprawl, loss of farmland and the abandonment of the urban areas — traditionally "political" matters, but issues which heavily impact local parishes. The organization "turned a complex issue into a matter of faith," Ryan said.

Now, the program has "both an internal and external focus," she said. The program pairs urban and suburban parishes in a reciprocal relationship, or "partnership," sharing "the resources, time, talent [and] friendship ... of many people." Currently, 104 parishes are involved

in the program, said Ryan.

The external aspect is a land-use task force, Ryan said, formed from a broad coalition of community members, business leaders, and public officials. The task force recently issued a "statement on the ethical use of land," in an attempt to educate the public on "the spirituality of a place."

The local community — the parish, in the Catholic tradition — is a key level of any peacemaking effort, Ryan said. "Community has within it the power to address the issues of our day," she said. Gatherings of Christians have the ability to connect both the historical faith tradition and the "witness value," said Ryan.

Peacemaking in a day-to-day context, Ryan said, is essentially solving the question of "how to take Sunday and make it more real" in the rest of the week. "The vision of the kingdom of justice with peace is for everyone," Ryan said. "When we have love, justice is a heartbeat away."

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Judicial Board: secret conspiracy or necessary good?

SARAH FENSKE
Co-EDITOR

Dean of Students Ken Plusquellec described the basic judicial process here at the College in simple terms: "Charges would be filed, forwarded to the judicial process, and the judicial system would send out the charge letter. A hearing would be set up, an individual or group would need to appear, hear what information there is and give any information they can in their defense. Then a penalty would be assessed if found guilty."

Simple, right? Not to many of the students on campus. Senator Marcie Kasek '01 expressed typical student frustration with J-Board at this Wednesday's Student Government Association meeting. "Why is it so secretive?" she asked. "No one knows who's on J-Board."

It's not just Kasek. Most students have a hard time explaining even the basic steps Plusquellec outlined, much the less know more details about the process. In describing J-Board, students use words like "secretive" and "hidden." And even those students who usually stay far away from the political scene have

strong opinions against it. "They are way too secretive," Michael DiPaolo '99 said. "In any other court in America, you can walk into it and know what they're doing. Not here."

Joe Belyusar '00 echoed DiPaolo's statements: "You should be more informed about it. It would help you know what's going on. You don't hear anything that happens there, and so you get it in your head that you live in this safe happy campus when there's all this stuff

business."

What kind of stuff? "As far as the outcome goes, I think that should be part of the public record and available to everyone immediately following," Dansak said later. "But the rest is a matter of a student's private life. It's personal."

Judicial Board Chair Adrienne Ferraro '00 agreed, saying, "It's a respect issue more than anything. We have to be sure we're giving them a fair hearing. And to do that, it's best people don't know what's going on throughout the hearing."

Most colleges and universities cite federal protections sur-

rounding campus court records as the reason for secrecy in deliberations. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) contains a section known as the Buckley Amendment, which "prohibits schools from releasing student 'education records' without a student's ... permission," according to the Student Press Law Center. The Department of Education and most schools argue that disciplinary records fall under the Buckley Amendment's provisions.

Part of the problem with the secrecy surrounding J-Board is that many students feel that its court is fundamen-

no matter what. It's not even fair. They don't listen to testimony, and the people that are supposed to be helping you don't know much either."

Ferraro refuted these claims. "That's completely untrue," she said. "The truth is that the system's standard is 'a preponderance of the evidence.' And that's a lot less than 'beyond reasonable doubt'." The distinction is one of degree: "We need to feel at least 51 percent sure that they are in violation of the section of the code they are accused of violating."

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going on."

And for some students, that isn't good. SGA President Karl Bekeny '99 suggested at Wednesday's meeting that the administration uses the judicial system to keep basic information out of students' reach. "The administration hides behind the fact that something is 'in' J-Board. I kind of think it's bogus," Bekeny said.

Naturally, there are good reasons for the secrecy. Vice President for Student Affairs Ryan Dansak '00 reminded the Senate that anonymity has its place. He said, "There's stuff that goes on in there that's no one's

SGA spring funding goes smoothly

The Student Government Association's spring semester funding process was held Wednesday night with a minimum of fuss. No groups protested their recommendations from the Funding Allocations Committee, and the Senate approved the amounts with no objections.

But the funding process did reveal a trend in Wooster student politics: the decline in the number of groups seeking funding from SGA over the course of a year's time. In the fall, 20 student groups requested funding from the Senate. This week, only 11 groups did so.

DAWN PACKER

FUNDING RESULTS

- Society of Physics Students — \$320
- Student Math Association — \$650
- Wooster Christian Fellowship — \$672.79
- Women In Science — \$250
- South Asia Committee — \$450
- Sisters In Spirit — \$625
- NOOR — \$850
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Scot pipers serenade the crowd at the swim team's last meet of the year. See the sports story, page 12.

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Electronic campaign filing proposed by Wooster rep

Rep. Ron Amstutz (R-Wooster) has introduced a bill which would require electronic filing of statewide campaign finance reports. Amstutz's proposal, H.B. 119, would amend the state's campaign reporting laws so that all contributions or expenditures of over \$10,000 must be reported electronically to the Ohio Secretary of State and posted on the Internet.

Under Amstutz's bill, electronic filing for statewide offices — in-

cluding those of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, attorney general, members of the state Supreme Court and members of the state Board of Education — would begin Jan. 1, 2000.

Beginning in 2002, its provisions would cover candidates for seats in the General Assembly, political action committees, state political parties, legislative campaign funds and other "political contributing entities."

The bill would also allow organizations and individuals which make independent expenditures on behalf of a candidate or ballot issue to file electronically, beginning in 2002.

Amstutz is sponsoring the bill with Democratic Reps. Logan, Sulzer, Massillon, Sykes, Williams, Flannery, Ford and Bender, and Republican Reps. Maumee and Trakas.

DAN SHORTRIDGE

The underage go Underground

It seems so petty to complain. After all, we asked for a rocking Underground, and they gave it to us. We wanted something to do on campus, and now each Friday they give us something. And don't think we're not grateful: we are.

So what's the problem? Lately the Underground has been packed with underage drinkers. IDs are checked only by certain staffers, and at the bustling bar, no one thinks twice when an upperclassman purchases three or four drinks, which are distributed cheerfully to thirsty sophomores lurking in the shadows, only to return in 10 minutes for four more. No one should be surprised when the youngsters are trashed by 10 p.m. Some audacious underage drinkers even order their own, and research tells us they get served, too.

Without bracelets and only the occasional staff hand check, who can blame underage drinkers for seizing the day? And when everybody's having so much fun, what kind of jerk would try to stop the party by pointing out exactly what's going on?

Guess what. We just did. The College can't be liable for underage drinking in such quantities. If the school wants to crack down on underage drinking, they might want to send some undercover agents to Happy Hour.

Cheerleaders a disgrace

It was the biggest game of the year, and in front of 3,100 fans, our cheerleaders stood motionless for almost the entire game. Cheerleaders are there to cheer and get the fans into the game, but at Saturday's Wittenberg game, our cheerleaders were upstaged by their visiting counterparts.

In the final moments of an incredible game, the cheerleaders did nothing to spark the crowd; instead Assistant Coach Doug Cline was on the sideline waving his hands in the air. The crowd was left watching the fanatics wearing spandex in the front row. The fan support for Saturday's game was incredible, the game was incredible, and the cheerleaders were not.

We don't need cheerleaders. But if we are going to have them, they need to take it seriously, and they will need more than three voices. They need a coach; they need to do something during time outs.

If we aren't going to have more than three cheerleaders at the biggest game of the year, and if they aren't going to do more than stand on the baseline and admire a bunch of sweaty men running around, then we shouldn't have a cheerleading squad. Either make it good or stay home. We'd rather watch the fanatics in the front row; they show real school spirit and actually pay attention to the game. They were the real cheerleaders.

Are Americans too dependent?

Four opinions on life in these glorious old United States

What American doesn't like the idea of self-sufficiency? If each of us would only work hard, we could have a society where everyone produces, where we can keep our hard-earned money and none of it must be given to those who do not work as hard. The idea of self-sufficiency is certainly valued in America.

But valuing self-sufficiency is not the same as promoting it. We cannot hold up self-sufficiency as an ideal for universal achievement unless we make it possible for each man, woman and child to attain it. And to do this is not nearly as easy as handing each citizen a job. For Americans who have grown up in the inner city, who have not attended good schools or been blessed with parents who love them, self-sufficiency is no more possible than making the Olympics would be for the rest of us. If a starting point is several laps behind the rest of the race, it should be no great surprise if the person beginning there stumbles trying to catch up.

To make America truly a self-sufficient society, and indeed, to make the world a self-sufficient place, we must give each member a fair chance to get there. We must teach the skills necessary to run the race and to run it well. We must teach mothers how to care for their children and children how to learn. We must teach each adult the skills necessary to obtain and hold a job, a job that will not only pay the bills but also be self-satisfying to its holder. And finally, we must put the necessary time and money into our schools to get them to a state where they really can educate.

Self-sufficiency is not undervalued; it is undertaught, and only such teaching will make it possible.

James Allardice '01, Sports Editor

I think, in this country, we've come to undervalue the idea of self sufficiency.

-Gerry Hirschey

We are social beings. We live in communities, we are taught in classrooms, we work in groups. No man is an island, not in twentieth century America. For societies like ours to work, we all must learn to be team players.

And so we are taught to be team players. We learn that fitting in is more important than being sharp, and our early school experiences teach us that if we mesh, we'll be more successful (with both our teachers and our friends) than if we think for ourselves.

After having been acclimated to the group mentality, it becomes increasingly difficult to reason independently and live self-sufficiently. We become intellectually lazy because our world rewards intellectual laziness, and we think like those around us because we learn that when we don't, we'll pay for it. We're a part of the group, so we conform to its standards.

This college is no different. There are consequences for speaking out here, and so most of us decide that it isn't worth the price. We see what happens to people who do speak out, those who challenge the group assumptions, and we aren't willing to join them, even here, even during what should be the most intellectually rambunctious time of our lives.

Self-sufficiency, in theory, is a good thing. But in reality, the self-sufficient stand alone, far from the safety of the crowd, and for that reason they are more susceptible to snipers.

Self-sufficiency may indeed be undervalued. But we certainly shouldn't encourage people to go there unless we first prepare them to pay its price.

Sarah Fenske '99, Co-Editor

The American dream has been constantly redefined. It started with freedom from the British crown, to claiming a homestead to feed a family, to owning a house with a white picket fence and a two-car garage. While our society has become increasingly industrialized, sophisticated and populated, laws and regulations are set forth by governing bodies to protect such a dream. Obviously, not everyone's American dream is a white house and picket fence. However, the fundamental ideology shared by millions of Americans has not changed. That ideology consists partly of autonomous being, independent thought, freedom and the ability to live a self-sufficient lifestyle.

I do not believe that Americans have come to undervalue the virtues of self-sufficiency in their everyday lives, nor am I convinced that we as a people have abandoned the principles this country was founded on. Americans have seen a rise in government involvement in many facets of their lives. This phenomenon has upset people in the past, more so in present times. The need for centralized government action to regulate our ever-changing society is a fact of life. This reality manifests itself in different ways; more specifically, laws that alter our habits and luxuries. However, regarding the many benefits reaped by being a citizen of this country, such as freedom of speech and the right to pursue happiness, I cannot react with sympathy towards Americans who feel that they are somehow being "cheated by the system" and remain resentful of our government. I believe that it is high time Americans come to appreciate not only the daily luxuries and freedoms we take for granted, but also start to appreciate and live by the wisdom of the ideologies and virtues that this great country has stood for since its conception.

Stephen DuPont '02, Guest Columnist

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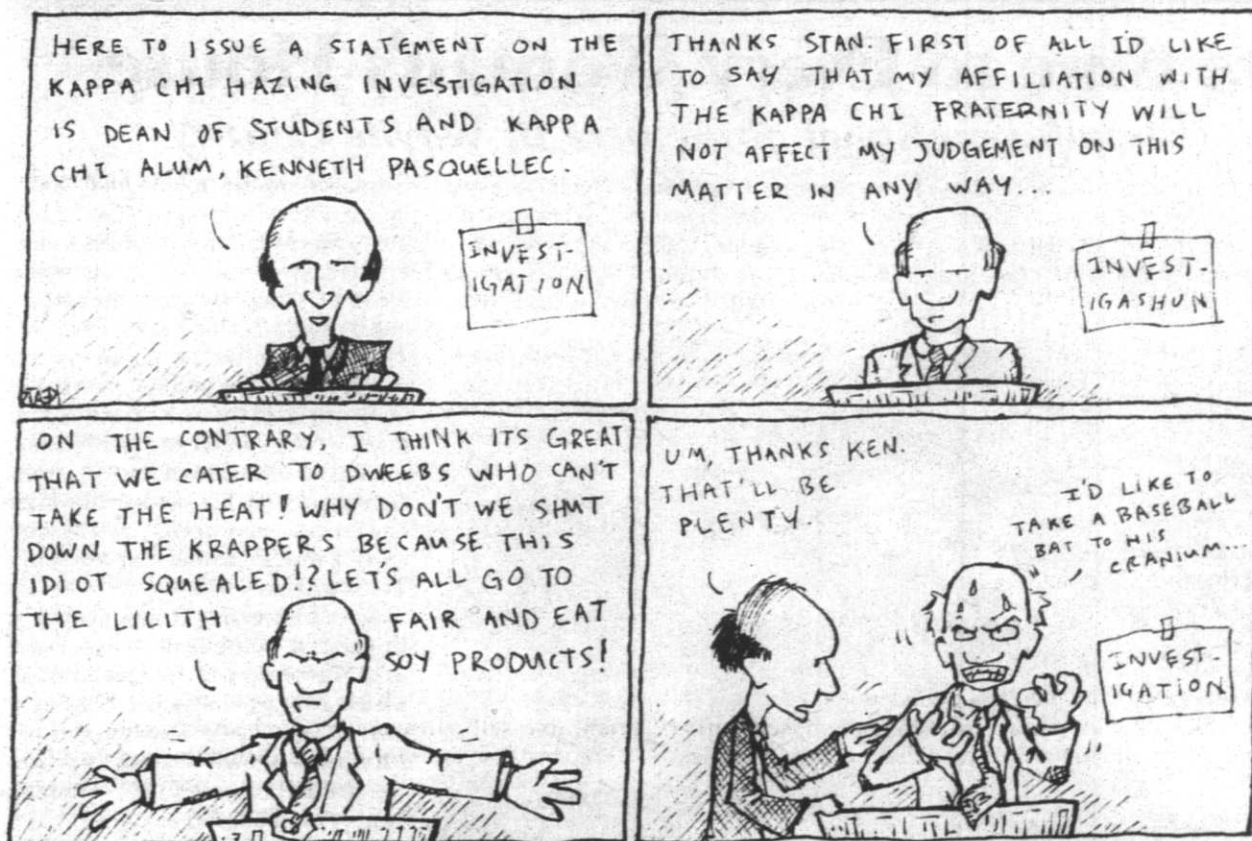
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Hazing accomplishes nothing

Willingness to be flogged not a qualification for friendship

DAVID LOHR

You will be kicked.
You will drink until you puke.
You are ugly.
You will be punched.
You are stupid.
Basically, you are not worthy.
You must willingly accept all the above statements. If you do not, you can not be my friend or join my group.

In case you haven't figured it out yet, I'm talking about hazing. It's a hot topic both on campus and nationwide. In considering the argument, one definition must be kept in mind, the definition of brotherhood. **Brotherhood** *n.* The relationship between men who share a common allegiance, character or purpose with others. Brothers trust each other, and treat each other with respect and kindness. Brothers can talk to each other about anything. Nowhere in that definition does it say anything about beatings, humiliation or massive blood loss.

Don't misunderstand me. I have nothing against Greek groups. I just finished pledging a group, and "hellweek" was one of the best experiences of my life. And that's coming from someone who, like many others, was originally cynical about joining a fraternity or sorority. I learned a lot about myself and developed a bond with the other guys in my pledge class. And all that was accomplished without being hazed. That's right. It was hard, but I didn't feel any of the physical or emotional discomfort so many groups at colleges everywhere are

getting busted for. If it had, I guarantee it would not have made me feel any closer to my brothers, no special bond would form. I just would have been pissed off. Or on, whatever the case may be.

What does subjecting oneself to what amounts to torture prove? Trust? Yeah, right. In order to trust someone, one must first respect them.

What does subjecting oneself to what amounts to torture prove? Trust? Yeah, right. In order to trust someone, one must first respect them. How could anyone respect someone who forces a pledge to drink, and ends up dying? It happened to Scott Krueger, a freshman at MIT. He died to join Phi Gamma Delta. How noble. I would be much more likely to respect someone who treats me as an individual than someone who tries to whip me into shape. The group should take on the characteristics of the individual, not the other way around.

Does torture lead to unity, that bond of brotherhood which is more valuable than any frat house, party or reputation of coolness that comes with joining a fraternity? Nope. When one's life is completely dominated, both physically and mentally, for anywhere between two and eight weeks, it would seem to me that a feeling of resentment would develop. If these people are supposed to be your brothers, your equals, why do they see it necessary to treat

you as inferiors? It's not the same as picking on your little brother when you were kids. Clearly, the stakes are higher this time.

And of course, contrary to childhood experiences, brothers share with each other. Maybe hazing leads to a sense of generosity. They share friends. That must be why three University of Connecticut students, members of Sigma Phi Epsilon, were arrested in November after duct taping a bunch of pledges and planning to drive them to the University of Pennsylvania. They wanted to introduce them to some new friends, as a surprise of course.

Clearly, nothing can be gained from putting oneself through weeks and weeks of hazing. There is no difference between a fraternity which beats the hell out of its pledges and a gang of thugs mugging old ladies in dark alleys.

Everything I've said may seem like common sense to the rest of the world. However, it is not, since hazing occurs so frequently in fraternities nationwide. Since common sense apparently isn't dictating anything, maybe a sadly necessary lecture will.

David Lohr is the Viewpoints Editor of the Voice.

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Letters: SAB, EKO's for KX

To the Editor:

Never before have I been as embarrassed to be a part of the Wooster student body, as I was on Friday night in the Underground. As someone who has seen Scott Faulconbridge perform his act several times before, I can say that I apologize to the selected few of you that showed up to see him. You were unfortunately deprived of seeing a very established and respected comedian on the college circuit.

I truly have enjoyed my time here at Wooster, and it has provided me with many opportunities that I feel I would not have had any other place. However, to those of you who showed complete disrespect for a guest of the college, who continually complain about how boring a place this is and who generally are filled with apathy, I would like to know why you remain at a college like Wooster?

Don't get me wrong, I know that there are a considerable number of students that do enjoy being here, students who appreciate the diversity that this campus offers in terms of the programs that the Student Activities Board and many other organizations provide. This letter is to those of you who sat up front, "Beth" and "Bob" and anyone else who rudely yelled things out during the act. I find it difficult to understand how some people can act in a way that blackmarks the College of Wooster community. Our athletes certainly don't go out trying to bring a poor reputation to the school.

As someone who has been an active member on SAB and now serves as its president, let me explain to you what your irresponsibility means for the college. First, the fact that the student body showed total disrespect for an entertainer reflects poorly on us all. That information then gets relayed to the agency that the comedian is booked through. Agencies then pass information along to each other through the National Association for Campus Activities. Keep in mind that now when we book performers, they may use their right to say no. Finally, as word spreads through each agency, they inform their performers. Therefore, Wooster becomes a laughing stock to the agencies and performers who provide great professional entertainment at schools across the country, and they can expect to subject themselves to the same atmosphere as was on Friday.

I will take some responsibility, since I thought bringing a comedian after Happy Hour would increase the audience size and lighten the mood a little more as people went out or continued to party. Perhaps it was too much to ask that The College of Wooster would be respectful and mature in welcoming a professional performer and guest. We (SAB) must learn as we go along

and I can guarantee that you will not see the Underground host a comedy act on Friday for quite some time. I only hope that in the future you will conduct yourselves in a manner that you would like to reflect the image of the school. To those of you who came for the show, and had a genuine interest in being there, I apologize, but under those circumstances, I agreed with Scott that no one should have to be put in that position to perform.

If anyone has any comments about Friday night, or SAB in general, please feel free to call or write me. I appreciate everyone who truly makes the most out of all this college has to offer and those who continue to support us in our efforts to provide a great social atmosphere here at Wooster.

Kevin Paul Godburn
President, SAB

To the Editor:

It's early February, and New Member Education has just ended. While new Greeks are adjusting to their new clubs and sections, old members have been reminded why they chose to enter the Greek community. Odds are that it will not take new members very long to realize that they have pledged to belong to exactly that — a community. This association is comprised not only of those individuals bearing identical Greek letters, but of everyone who has ever been a member of a Greek organization, at Wooster or elsewhere.

Pledging is a time to learn history and traditions, many of which can only be understood by the active members of that particular group, who have not only pledged themselves but have witnessed the process from the inside as well. Circumstance and intent can only be properly understood by those individuals present throughout a new member education process, and others should not pretend they know or understand exactly what happens during these two weeks. Allegations, police reports and newspaper articles can all be misleading.

We are writing with specific regard to the recent accusations against Kappa Chi. In this instance, we would like to remind the campus community that allegations are precisely that — allegations. Kappa Chi should not be condemned for actions that have yet to be proven by the College's judicial system or the state of Ohio.

Do not misunderstand us. The women of Epsilon Kappa Omicron are in no way supportive of hazing. But when attitudes prematurely try and convict not only the men of Kappa Chi but the Greek community as a whole, a clarification is necessary.

The women of
Epsilon Kappa Omicron

Monyer volunteers donate time to Every Woman's House

Manning phones to help women deal with the awful reality of abuse here in Wayne County

SARAH CHAZAN
STAFF WRITER

In case you hadn't noticed, many flyers have been put up around campus. They have been placed in strategic locations, namely campus bathrooms, and deal with a topic that affects us all. That topic is domestic violence, which experts say happens every nine seconds in the United States. You may wonder, who are these caring individuals who took time out to inform us about such a dire issue? They are the women of Monyer House, Wooster's connection to Every Woman's House, an organization that assists the physical and emotional needs of abused women.

Every Woman's House was started in 1978, when the needs of abused women could no longer be ignored in the community. As the needs grew so did the program. With help from many different outside organizations, such as United Way and the United Methodist Church, Every Woman's House has been able to grow and flourish. The actual house is located in a secret location, and holds on average eight women and six children. The residents take turns cleaning and cooking. "The women working together

is the most important part," says Joy Bishop '01.

Monyer House volunteers have had a long standing tradition of helping out at Every Woman's House. Unlike the rest of the small house volunteers on campus, these women are required to work 12 hours a month rather than the normal eight required by the Wooster Volunteer Network. Besides working the mandatory 12 hours, the women also go the extra mile by working outside the shelter. They have organized parties, fund raisers and have participated in campus awareness activities.

While working their required 12 hours, the volunteers' primary job is to answer the hot line calls. "Sometimes people are just calling for information, sometimes they need to talk and other times they need to be brought in," says Lara Nafziger '00. While talking to abuse victims, the volunteers need to fill out an assessment sheet, as well as take notes on the victim's characteristics.

In order to be able to hold such a responsible position, the women of Monyer House had to go through 16 hours of training. The training taught them how to speak with the abuse victims and assess how seri-

ous a given situation may be. It is important that the women not give advice, instead just listen to what the women on the other end of the line are saying.

having a bad day, it feels so good when you leave there. Working with the women and seeing what they have gone through is like a tribute to strength," says Betsy Bare '01.



COURTESY OF NEWS SERVICES

Betsy Bare '01 and Katharyne Marcus '99 phone home.

Although this job can be heart-breaking, as well as nerve wracking, the women of Monyer agree that the benefits are well worth the time and energy. "Even if you are

"One of the things I've noticed most, after working for the house, is that I listen better than I used to. I try not to relate it to myself," offers Katharyne Marcus '99. Bishop adds, "It makes you really grateful for all of your blessings."

Besides the personal satisfaction the Monyer residents receive from volunteering, working for Every Woman's House enables them to choose a direction in life. "I'm a

women's studies major and working at Every Woman's House has given me direction with what I want to do with my major. It has made me realize that my goals are attainable," states Katie Smith '00. All the women in the house agree that working for the shelter has made them aware of the lack of anti-abuse laws. "Working at the shelter has, on one hand, made me want get involved with the law, and on the other hand, made me want to stay the heck away from it," adds volunteer Amy Tsacoumangos '00.

Every Woman's House is always in need of volunteers. If you want to get involved with this great cause, please contact Katharyne Marcus at extension 4389. The women of Monyer will also be at the upcoming health fair on Feb 10. Training begins on Feb. 17.

Emma Goldman once said, "Idealists ... foolish enough to throw caution to the winds ... have advanced mankind and have enriched the world." These words especially hold true for the women of Monyer house. Although some might scoff at their effort and say that the problem is too big for them to solve, they continue to bring hope into many people's lives.

Eventually all of the women will graduate from the College. Yet the lessons they have learned from working at Every Woman's House are perhaps as valuable as any they have learned in their numerous classes.

1969: Shack remains beer-free

In the Voice....

Shack Still Lacks Beer

The license application for the sale of 3.2 beer in The Shack, entered by manager Jack Weber, was met by two objections at the Wooster City Council meeting, Monday, Feb. 17.

Councilman Dallas Kaufman, Chairman of the Laws and Ordinances Committee, reported the application for a "D-1 Alcohol Beverage Permit" by John Christian Weber out of Committee. At the same time he cited an objection by the City Council on the basis of "reputability of applicant," one of two possible objections. Kaufman said after the meeting that the objection was based on a series of misdemeanors which he did not think could actually be used in the hearing in Columbus which will result from the objections.

The second objection was in the form of a letter from the College of Wooster and addressed to Mr. Kaufman which reads: "Pursuant to Section 4303.261 R.C. The College of Wooster would like to object to the application of John Christian Weber DBA Shack, 437

Pine Street (applicant #958225), for a D-1 Alcohol Beverage Permit on the grounds of suitability of location, the land on which the building is located being entirely surrounded by the College."

The letter carried the signature of F.W. Cropp, Dean of the College.

Faculty on Chapel Attendance

To the Editor:

When we were hired by this college as teachers we were not informed that chapel attendance was part of our job. Some of us found the meetings such a waste of time that we ceased attending. I quite agree that it seems unfair for the students to be under compulsion and the faculty not. Some years ago, I suggested to Dean Taeusch that we be required to go on the same basis as students and fined \$10 for each overcut, the amount to be deducted from the next pay check. He thought I was joking. I was not. Until this step is taken, however, this latest wrinkle of trying to shame us into attending is a very poor joke, about as effective as a pork chop in a synagogue.

R.T. Gore

Representative Misinformation?

To the Editor:

When I discussed the Honor Code this noon with my Psych 101 class (about 90, mostly frosh and sophs) I discovered a widespread impression that the Code covers all aspects of campus life. Specifically, a student mentioned that not turning someone in for social misbehavior in the dorm violates the Honor Code.

I asserted that the Honor Code is strictly academic and has nothing to do with dorm social rules - I was immediately shouted down by a large number of very confident voices asserting that indeed the Honor Code does cover all areas of conduct. I repeated my assertion and they repeated theirs - probably one-third to one-half of the class seemed to agree.

If this class is at all a representative sample of freshmen and sophomores, then it reveals a serious lack of information about the Academic Honor Code. It indicates to me that they haven't paid sufficient attention to the Code to differentiate it from other rules.

D.A. Leach

Have you ever wondered?

Have you ever thought stairmasters are cruel and unnecessary forms of punishment? Well, some folks in the 19th century certainly did! The design for the modern day gym equipment named stairmaster, actually came from a 19th century piece of prison hardware, designed by William Cubitt. The stairmaster, or "treadmill" as it was then called, was used in the English penal system as a form of punishment to make prisoners weary enough to repent for their crimes. The "treadmill" was described in 1824 as "labor that was irksome, dull, monotonous and disgusting to the last degree."

Hmmm, we wonder how these prisoners would react to see people voluntarily using these machines!

Submitted by Emily Welty (from Israel) and Dana Sommers

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Two cool things to do Recycling: too much is never enough

When: Saturday, Feb. 6

Where: The Underground

Time: 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

What: The Simpletons

Why you should go: Our sources tell us this band is really good, for one thing. For another, SAB sings its praises. "The Simpletons have been performing in front of College crowds for years to rave reviews," SAB Chair Kevin Godburn '00 says. Godburn actually saw them perform and notes the enthusiastic response: "The audience clapped very hard and smiled."

With six Cleveland area musicians who are developing both a regional and local following, this is a band on the rise. Since getting a band at the top is a once-in-five-years thing, this might be next best.

The Simpletons have headlined Generation Expo in Dallas with the likes of Poe and Pop Poppins (whoever that is) and played at the Bicentennial in Cleveland with Blessed Union of Souls and Jan Ardin. "The songs they write come from experiences within their lives," according to official propaganda.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 10

Where: Lowry lobby and lounge

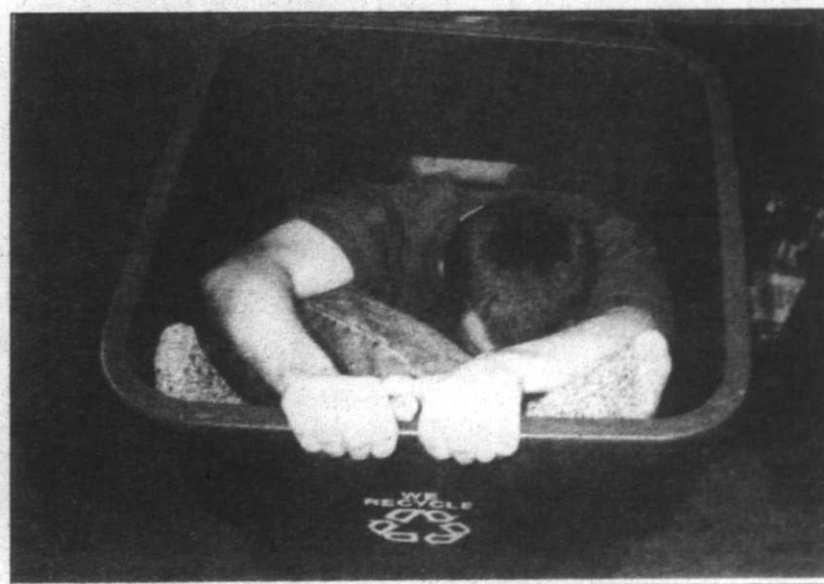
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

What: The bi-annual Student Health Center Health Fair.

Why you should go: Over 30 exhibits, including free HIV testing, cholesterol testing, masso-therapy, magnet therapy and "sweatin' to the oldies," plus a bundle of door prizes. Mindy Albright, R.N.C., says this year they'll be giving away six roses, a kite, t-shirts and various gift certificates.

Also, this year for the first time ever, the fair will feature the Med-Flight helicopter. "It's actually landing on the practice field," Albright said. "And they're going to let people climb in." From 1-2 p.m. the "ground intensive unit," meaning the squad truck, will be there, and from 2-3 p.m. the helicopter will be present. Albright cautioned that all these plans are, of course, tentative. "I've been saying, barring emergencies," she said. "If they get called out, they get called out. But we're very excited about them coming."

--SARAH FENSKE



Reuse, reduce, recycle — including your friends.

PHOTO BY DAWN PACKER

KAREN AUBLE
STAFF WRITER

Do you know what your old Christmas cards are doing in Nevada? Ever heard of places called Metallica, San Mandy or Rittman? How about that timeless game Name-That-Fluid? Have you ever played it?

Unless you are one of the few who have ever been involved in the College's recycling program, you undoubtedly answered "no" to all of the above. You are not alone. In fact, most people are not aware of just how active the program really is. Ten years old this year, it is among the most active, effective recycling programs among small colleges in Ohio, with collection totals averaging over 20,000 lbs. of material recycled per month. By recycling the 1.37 tons of office paper that was collected on campus during the month of December rather than just throwing it away, approximately 24 trees were saved.

Still, all of these statistics are somewhat meaningless without mention of all that constitutes a recycling "run" or the numerous local and national causes which the program supports. The program runs almost constantly. Six days a week, despite the elements which cause other forms of outdoor work to cease — rain, snow, sleet — student employees, often accompanied by the Recycling Coordinator and volunteers, most notably members of the Greenhouse program, are at work. The small staff collects, separates and delivers 22 different types of materials — everything from aluminum cans to styrofoam peanuts to computers — to 13 different destinations, including Metallica Recycling (Wooster), San Mandy Enterprises (Creston, Ohio) and Rittman Paperboard (Rittman, Ohio).

Though all the collections and

deliveries are made primarily out of a concern for the environment, the materials collected by the College are benefitting more than just the planet. Two new causes which the recycling program now supports are the Akron Children's Burn Unit and St. Jude's Ranch for abused and neglected children in Las Vegas, Nevada. For the Burn Unit, the program donates the proceeds of 100 lbs. of aluminum cans each week to the Wooster Fire Department which oversees the cause here in town. For the children at St. Jude's, recyclers tear the covers off Christmas cards

"I have yet to hear a legitimate, intelligent argument in favor of not recycling. There is no good excuse for not doing it."

found in paper bins and donate them to St. Jude's 30-year-old Holiday Card Incentive program: The children attach the card covers to a pre-printed back and sell them for a work-and-earn program which benefits the Ranch and the children. "I hear about these things," Coordinator Martha Alarie explains. "They're easy to do. They don't inconvenience operations for us; they require no extra time, and they help people in some way."

Alarie, who has just joined the program this year, has appreciated the commitment employees and volunteers give to the recycling program: "They work really well together. Through four hours of lifting and sorting, everyone seems to maintain a good sense of humor." It is certainly not one of the cleanest jobs on campus, the realities of which recyclers accept with a mixture of amusement and repulsion.

Karen Foster '00 quips, "My fa-

vorite thing about recycling is playing Name-That-Bodily-Fluid," referring to the guesswork about the origins of the curious concoction residing at the bottoms of some bins. Though some findings are a source of spectacle and amusement — as are discoveries of half-eaten sandwiches, contraceptives and designer LowryWare — recyclers appreciate even more if these stay out of the blue bins altogether.

Anyone who has worked on one of the runs will agree that an increased awareness of recycling procedures could increase productivity significantly. Recycler Jesse Larson '99, explains, "A lot of people are uninformed about recycling." There is a huge quantity of materials to collect and a shift is often slowed or uncompleted when much of the time ends up being spent on unnecessary sorting. "For example, we spent about twenty extra minutes in one of the dorms removing a single magazine insert from a stack of unopened envelopes. That shouldn't happen. Taking two seconds to open your mail, rip out a cellophane window or remove the cap of a bottle cuts down on the time we waste significantly."

Signs and friendly reminders are only so effective; the recycling program is working on ways in which awareness can be increased. "The increase in volunteering has been wonderful," comments Heather Greenwell '02. "The volunteers help significantly and seem to have a lot of fun." Several R.A.s donned pairs of rubber gloves for an afternoon as a part of their inservice program. By participating, they were able to see just how much there is to be done and convey this to residents as well. Ideally, the recycling program would like to see more of the campus community — students, faculty, administration — devoting an hour or two. And now there is an extra incentive: Next week, you can be one of the first to go out on a run in the program's generously-donated new truck.

Still, even if you never volunteer with the program, there are a number of easy ways in which you can benefit its cause. Recycler and Greenhouse member Matt Lang '99 says, "I have yet to hear a legitimate, intelligent argument in favor of not recycling. There is no good excuse for not doing it." The important thing to remember is that while recycling is an effective way to cut down on resource depletion and landfill waste, it is not a quick fix to all environmental problems. By doing easy things which most people don't even think to do — filling up your own coffee mug at Mom's, returning your plastic bags from the bookstore or using your own bag instead — you demonstrate environmental awareness as well.

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DiPaolo's I.S. digs up College history



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College of Wooster students at the 1967 Pella excavation

LAUREN KULCHAWIK
Co-A&E Editor

If you were to ask anyone on this campus if they've heard of the College's expedition to the Holy Land, they'd probably look at you funny and think you'd taken one too many of Ah Seng Choo's courses. But if you ask Michael DiPaolo '99 about it, he could give you a copy of his I.S., "Pella of the Decapolis."

In the 1960s, Dr. Robert Houston Smith, professor of religion, and several archaeology students drove through the dust of Jerusalem to excavate the site of the early Christian church — Pella. The area is mentioned in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. Evidence shows that when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D., the community fled to Pella to continue its religious life.

DiPaolo's exhibit on display in Ebert Art Center shows photos of the digs, pottery and glassware that has been preserved for hundreds of years, as well as portions of the intricate floor mosaic found in the site's church. Background information describes a full skeleton found in the sarcophagus of cathedral: this venerated individual may have been in contact with Jesus and the Apostles.

"For me, the most fascinating part of my research was reading about the planning that went into the expedition. No one realizes how much work it takes to start a project like this. It took three to four years to

get ready ... this was a major undertaking," said DiPaolo.

With the help of grants from the National Geographic Society and in collaboration with archaeologists from the University of Sydney in Australia, the College was able to fund the Pella trips. In the spring of 1967, Smith and the students excavated without help from other universities.

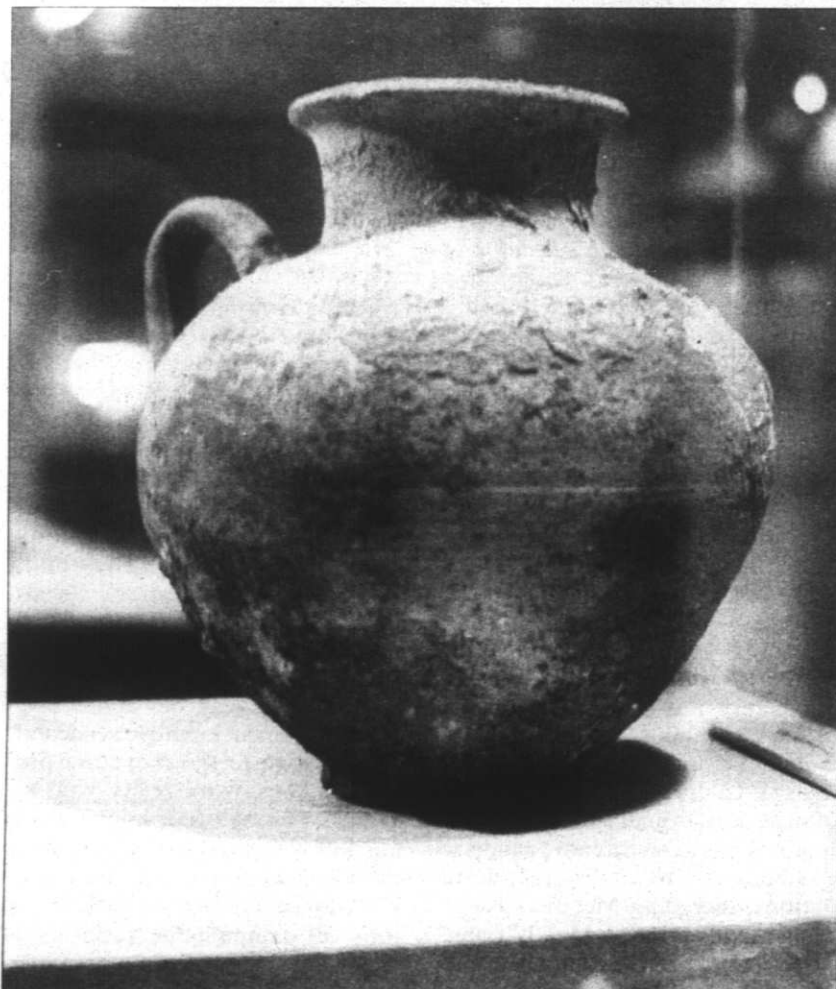
"It's amazing to realize that the world was reading about Wooster's expedition in National Geographic. The magnitude really struck me — you'd think the College would still

publicize information about Pella, but it's gotten lost in the College's history," said DiPaolo.

The expedition helped the College make worldwide connections, plus it gave students first-hand experience. According to a letter written to President J. Garber Drushal in 1967, "the Wooster dig is a model dig, and those in the field are beginning to respect it and study it before any word has been published about the objects found there ... Archaeologists admit that you become an archaeologist only through digging ... the earlier the better."

DiPaolo chose to research and present the Pella expedition for his I.S. because he plans on continuing with museum studies after graduation. The written part of his study partly focuses on the ethics of archaeological display. "The question is brought up: is it art or is it archaeology? There are distinctions necessary when history and art intermix. There's controversy in taking materials from a foreign country with the goal of advancement of our culture. For example, should Jordan take care of their own artifacts, or do we have the right to bring them to the United States?" said DiPaolo.

DiPaolo thanks professor of art Garth Amundson and museum curator Kitty McManus Zurko for their guidance, plus Abby Maier '01, Jody Clauter '99, Travis Grundke '99 and Matt Miller '01, who helped him to set up his display the night before the opening.



Ode to a Jordanian urn

PHOTO BY LOU LINDIC

What a grand gift



KATIE HUBER
Co-A&E Editor

Christmas is done and gone, but that doesn't mean that the season of giving is over. The music department, in particular, has had a late visit from Santa this year: the arrival of a new Steinway piano for Scheide Music Center. Though many shoulders may shrug at the thought of "just another piano," this Model D Concert Grand Piano promises to be anything but ordinary.

According to Dr. Brian Dykstra, chair of the music department, the current piano in Gault Recital Hall has a rather dead sound in the upper register, and the need for uniformity was becoming somewhat of an issue.

Through the efforts of the Office of Development, the department received the funding from the donation of Jeanne Christy, to whom the piano will be dedicated.

Then, several months ago, Dykstra, along with another faculty member, Laura Silverman, and a Steinway dealer from Akron, made a trip to New York City to hand select their costly investment.

While at the Steinway Company, located in Queens, Dykstra was given the choice of five pianos and spent around an hour and a half trying each repeatedly to select the best instrument.

A few weeks ago, the piano was shipped to Akron and then sent to Wooster, where it was carefully assembled and tuned in Gault Recital Hall.

"It's one of the most beautiful instruments I've played," Dykstra commented, thrilled with the new purchase. He also mentioned that the piano will most likely last around 30 years, and "is a very good investment" for current and prospective students.

To properly dedicate the piano to

the College, the music department will be holding a special recital this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Gault Recital Hall. The recital will open with remarks from Dykstra and Vice-President for Development Sara Patton, and will feature a variety of musical genres and performers.

The goal of the recital is to select a wide array of talents, ages and majors to perform on the program, showing the different kinds of people who will benefit from the new addition.

Faculty performers include Dykstra, Assistant Professor of Music Peter Mowrey and Adjunct Instructor of Piano Pamela Yarnell. Students performing at the concert are Sean Malone '99, Christopher Petit '99, Kevin Himes '00, Doug Huston '01, Brendan Park '01 and Shannon Dombek '02.

"It's what every piano player dreams of," Dombek commented both on being selected for the program and for being given the chance to play such a well-crafted instrument. Dombek, a piano performance major, has the honor of being the only first-year in the concert.

Himes, the other piano performance major on the program, agrees. "It's a great opportunity to be able to play on a piano here at Wooster that is played by virtuosos across the world," he said. He was also very appreciative of the greater range of musicality the piano offers students.

"All of the piano players will agree that the piano allows for easier expressive gestures and musicality," Himes noted.

The concert will feature works from composers such as Mozart, Barber, Debussy and Bach, as well as original works by Himes, Dykstra and Professor of Music Theodore Duda, who is on leave this year.

A second dedication concert will be held in April.

**"Pella of the
Decapolis"**
will be open through Feb
20 in the
MacKensie Gallery

"The Thin Red Line": imagery shows war is hell

EILEEN IMADA
BEN MIZER

He Says: "Only one thing a man can do," Sean Penn's voice intones, "find something that's his and make an island for himself." On the surface, Penn's character speaks about how a soldier can survive combat emotionally intact without dousing his inner "spark" in the midst of war. But, like all of the dialogue in "The Thin Red Line," the statement has a greater meaning, inviting the audience to reflect on larger themes of life, humanity, love and mortality.

Director Terrence Malick, it seems, found his island — and stayed there for 20 years. Hailed in the '70s as a genius after directing only two films, Malick inexplicably disappeared from the cinema before releasing his much-anticipated third offering last month, "The Thin Red Line." The World War II film marks his return in an epic manner, and moviegoers' lives are richer as a result.

Unlike "Saving Private Ryan," the other World War II epic released in 1998, "The Thin Red Line" eschews any sort of linear plot, opting instead to weave its tale through the musings of its characters in the

midst of a stunning series of combat scenes. At the film's center is the battle over Guadalcanal, a small island where the Americans began to turn the tide of the Pacific War. Most prominent in the large cast is Private Witt, played by James Caviezel, whom we first meet as he returns to Charlie Company after another AWOL stunt. The audience follows Witt and a handful of other C-Company characters, including Penn, Nick Nolte and Woody Harrelson, who methodically wrest command of the island from the Japanese. The film focuses less on the strategies of the battle and more on the characters fighting it; Malick takes us deep into their thoughts to contemplate the meaning of the endeavor.

She Says: At one point during the movie, Ben asked about a dying soldier on-screen, "Is he the one with the wife?" I didn't know. While this ambiguity can be frustrating in other films, Malick uses it so effectively that the audience perceives each soldier as an individual component of the larger whole: one company or, more generically, one mankind. Voice-overs of each man's

thoughts juxtaposed with the physicality of the battle scenes prompt the viewer to reach a quiet understanding of war.

Rather than verifying that "war is hell" by depending on action-packed footage, Malick chooses to raise the questions of "why" using dream-like sequences: Private Witt recalls his time AWOL on an island with the natives and Private Bell (Ben Chaplain) holds onto his love

plexity, which, unfortunately, is lost in some of the cameo appearances. Although Malick does include George Clooney and other big names, he does so in an off-hand way which does not distract from his vision of what "The Thin Red Line" represents.

The visual characterization — sweat beading up on a soldier's neck, a pink flower beside the face of a soldier — makes the story surprisingly fluid when combined with the more visceral images usually associated with war. One of the most refreshing aspects of Malick's work is his ability to engage an audience even by focusing on the flame of a candle or a faint trail of blood in a stream of water.

He Says: And it is through these visuals, such as the ironic lifting of a cloud to bathe a field in sunlight just before an attack bathes it in blood, that Malick's narrative unfolds. The images permit us to see not only the depravity but also the humanity of war, as the face of a Japanese casualty buried in the dirt stares into the eyes of an American soldier and asks, "Are you righteous? Kind? ... Know that I was too."

We learn something of the military tactics through Nolte's rantings about "high ground by nightfall," but we are not made to care about amphibious landings and strategic positions. Instead, we listen as a voice in the night screams, "Who's deciding who's gonna live? Who's deciding who's gonna die?" It's a chilling commentary on war, but one that feels less like a sermon and more like a diary from the front.

Much criticism has been leveled at the wisdom that spills from the mouths of working-class men thrown into battle who suddenly develop the ability to wax poetic. Not only does this critique fall into the dangerous bourgeois assumption that all working class men lack the capacity to think deeply, but it also misses a central point of the film: War becomes a crucible in which men, faced with near-certain death, have nothing to think about but life. It seems not at all incredible that a

man would turn to nihilism in the brutal face of his own mortality and ask, "What difference you think you can make, one single man in all this madness? If you die, it's gonna be for nothing."

"The Thin Red Line" is about men seeking salvation in a savage graveyard — viewing it requires surrendering yourself to the film and giving into the aural and visual poetry, not expecting to watch a fully developed story unfold.

She Says: So what happens after you deep-six those expectations? Toward the end, the intricate interconnectedness of hazy flashbacks and seemingly random nature shots slowly become more clear, or at least more meaningful. The war becomes a backdrop with its own significance, and the images are projected onto it.

For the two privates who experience the continued flashback sequences of the island and wife, their fantasies eventually collide with a current reality, one entirely different from what they imagined. In particular, the wife plays an interesting role in this deconstruction. A friend warned me ahead of time that there was only one female character in "The Thin Red Line" — "It's a movie about WWII. What do you expect?" — but the wife's transition from being just an image to having a voice was pleasantly surprising and, like everything else about the film, thought-provoking.

From the opening shot of a crocodile slipping into a pool of water covered with slime, symbolism may or may not be the intent, but fortunately, we will never know for sure. Aside from a few pointed suggestions, Malick leaves a great deal of the interpretation up to his audience. This process is aided not only by the visuals, but also by the impressive score composed by Hans Zimmer ("The Prince Of Egypt"), who originally recorded over six hours of music for the film.

Despite the perceptible differences of "The Thin Red Line" from other movies, it successfully maintains a certain coherence, not through a linear story line, but through stimulus of the senses.

He Says/She Says

for his wife. Both men own a vision that contradicts the reality of how they must behave on the battlefield; they must suppress those emotions which once made them feel most alive.

Of the entire company, only Lieutenant Colonel Tall (Nolte) remains focused throughout the attack. When his gravelly voice first reverberates through the theater, Nolte establishes himself as the leader who will maintain the company's sense of purpose. During the initial combat sequences he barks out orders, but in later scenes he talks privately with individual soldiers just as convincingly.

Performances by Penn and Caviezel also retain this subtle com-

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WOOSTER SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's Basketball

Saturday:	Wittenberg	23	32	55
	Wooster	27	29	56

Leading Scorers

Wooster	Wittenberg
John Ellenwood: 27 points	Jon Stafford: 20 points
Antwyan Reynolds: 8 points	Ryan Taylor: 12 points
Ryan Gorman: 6 points	Kyle Krauss: 7 points

FG Percentage: Wooster 47.1 percent, Witt. 44.4 percent

Tuesday:	Wooster	48	53	101
	Oberlin	21	31	52

Leading Scorers

Wooster	Oberlin
Pat Noles: 17 points	Maurice Elrod: 12 points
Chris Gardner: 12 points	Jabali Sawicki: 11 points
Nate Gaubatz: 12 points	Brian Buchanan: 8 points

FG Percentage: Wooster 48.6 percent, Witt. 38.6 percent

Rankings

NCAA Regional Poll: 3rd in Great Lakes Region
Columbus Multimedia: 16th in the nation

Women's Basketball

Saturday:	Wooster	30	22	52
	Wittenberg	40	52	92

Leading Scorers

Wooster	Wittenberg
Maureen Mull: 21 points	Michelle Casey: 12 points
Aleashia Washington: 13 points	Anne Johnson: 12 points
Katie Montague: 6 points	Jana Bostelman: 11 points

FG Percentage: Wooster 34.6 percent, Witt. 46.1 percent

Monday:	Oberlin	43	49	92
	Wooster	36	45	81

Leading Scorers

Wooster	Oberlin
Erin Gertz: 13 points	Nzinga Broussard: 21 points
Maureen Mull: 12 points	Regan Johnson: 18 points
Katie Montague: 11 points	Regina Respert: 17 points
LeAnn Uhinck: 11 points	Ikeya Hillman: 16 points

FG Percentage: Wooster 38.4 percent, Oberlin. 46.7 percent

Washington brings intensity to floor

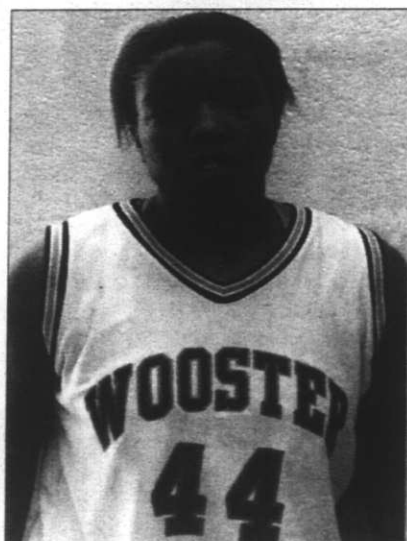


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Aleashia Washington '00

SARAH FENSKE
CO-EDITOR

If you talk to women's basketball coach Lisa Campanell-Komara, she'll tell you what a great player Aleashia Washington '00 is. "This year, her junior year, she's really come into her own," Campanell-Komara says. "She's matured tremendously, both physically and psychologically, and she's become a very vocal leader for us."

If you talk to Washington, she'll tell you that she almost didn't join the team.

She had been a six sport athlete ("Basketball, volleyball, tennis, softball, track and cross-country," she says, without pausing for a breath.) in Jackson, Miss., but she came to college planning to hit the books. "I officially let all my sports go," Washington says. "I never thought that I was a good player,"

she says. "I never thought I would qualify to play college ball."

And that very well might have happened, had it not been for the P.E.C.'s assistant equipment manager, Fred Vizzo. During the muggy August nights of orientation, Washington found herself going to the gym, just shooting around, getting her heart moving. "Fred would be there, and I'd go in there every night and ask for a ball," she says. "And he'd talk to me. And he would come in, and he would watch me shoot, and he would ask me questions, like where did I come from, and did I play ball. He was always messing with me. He said I had a good shot, and I should play. And I said, no, those days are over with."

Vizzo knew talent when he saw it. "And he snuck the coach in," Washington says, laughing her big throaty laugh. "He got the coach down to come watch me, and she was like, you should come out for the team. And I still wasn't going to go out. But then classes started, and it was strenuous, but it wasn't the hardest academics I have ever had to face. And I had a little extra time, and I kind of had that streak of boredom

in me, 'cause I always had that athletic thing to do, and it wasn't there anymore. So I felt that void, and I

figured I could fill it with basketball."

Washington has approached her basketball game the way she approaches everything else: head on, straight up. "I bring a hint of intimidation to the floor," she admits. "I bring wholeheartedness to the floor. Because for me, if you're going to step on the basketball court, you either give it your whole heart or you give it nothing. There's no reason you've got to save any of it to bring back home, y'know? If you see me going after a ball, you know that if I get it, it's coming back in. If I'm going after it, I'm planning on getting it."

Campanell-Komara agrees. "She's only 5'9", which is pretty small for a four," she says. "But she plays like she has a 6'2" body. Anybody with that much determination is going to be pulling down rebounds. Plus, she's a great defender. She loves to block shots, and she has a great anticipation."

For Washington, half the fun of her 18 blocked shots is the reaction. As Campanell-Komara explains it, Washington is player who lives for her teammates. "For Aleashia, blocking shots is a momentum boost," her coach says. "She gets pumped up, and it's neat because she



PHOTO BY LOU LINDIC
Washington goes up for a shot.

uses her ability to get the team pumped up too."

Washington knows it: "I try to get 'em hyped! When I'm on the bench, I feel the best thing I can do is support the people who are out there and cheer 'em on as loud as I can. Even when I'm on the floor, I participate in the cheering — they're cheering for someone making their free-throws or something, and I'm there with em, boosting em on. You let people know that you see that, you see that they're getting hyped, and then you match that, and the rhythm of the game picks up. And that makes it more fun."

Off the court, Washington is just as active. A resident assistant in Wagner, she also serves as president of the Black Women's Organization, sings in Gospel Choir, and works in the math department and the Dean's Office. And even though she's got one of the toughest schedules around (biochemistry major, math minor), she's in the Tri-Beta honor society. "For me, academics always comes first," she says. "I thank my mom for that, because I was trained with the idea that if grades aren't up to par, nothing else happens."

And right now, Campanell-Komara is thanking Fred Vizzo. The scrappy little first-year shooting baskets during orientation has turned into a Grade A basketball player, scoring double figures in her last eight games and averaging 9.7 a game, not to mention what else she brings to the team. "She's very intense," Campanell-Komara says. "She wants to be part of a team that turns things around. And she's been a big part of our success this season."

Women finish 3rd at NCAC Relays

RYAN DANSACK
STAFF WRITER

Both the men's and women's indoor track teams performed strongly at the NCAC Relay Meet this past Saturday. The men finished in sixth place but received stellar performances by several of their team members while the women finished third with the help of a record breaking performance.

Both the men and the women were led by strong performances in the field events.

Tim Sir Louis '00 and Jeff Pattison '99 combined to take first place in the pole vault, while Shane Bartholomew '00 and Jody Price '00 teamed up to take first place in the shot put.

On the track, Sir Louis, Nahum Kisner '02, Kyle Mueller '02 and

Reggie Ray '00 combined to take third place in the 800-meter relay.

Also putting in a strong performance was the sprint medley relay team of Kisner, Ray, Aaron Woloff '00 and Brendan McCabe '99, which finished third.

On the women's side, the shot put was again a top point winner as Deidra Reid '99 and Tracy Wilkes '99 teamed up to take a first place finish.

Also in the field, Justina Williams '01 and Sarah Kruse '99 joined together to seize a first place finish in the long jump relay.

Again in the triple jump relay, Williams and Kruse teamed up to secure a second place finish.

In the high jump, Christy Judd '00 and up-and-comer Trisha Wiles '01 combined for a second place finish.

On an amazing note, the distance medley record was obliterated by the team of Judd, Sandy Tecklenburg '01, Dawn Hirth '02 and Beth Huffman '99. The old school record stood at 13:09.10, but the Lady Scots' team united to run a time of 12:56.72 to beat the old record by over 12 seconds.

The sprint medley relay team also fared well as Mia Rapier '00, Laurie Cappell '99, Heidi Buffington '00 and Huffman earned a second place finish.

Rounding out the top finishers was the 3200-meter relay team of Judd, Hirth, Greta Dishong '02 and Tecklenburg as they took a third place finish.

Both the men and women will square off against their conference rivals Case Western and Oberlin this Friday, February 5.

Another great game in Woo-Witt rivalry

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Tigers inbounded the ball to Ryan Taylor. Taylor forced up a fade-away jumper along the baseline in an attempt to win the game, but was partially blocked by Thompson.

As the buzzer sounded, the Scots celebrated and Reynolds jumped into the arms of Ryan Pedon '00. It was Reynold's three-point basket with under a minute to play that had put the Scots up for good. Ellenwood and the Scots celebrated the emotional victory in front of 3,100 fans, as the head was torn off of a stuffed Tiger and spread all over the hardwood.

When the Scots got to the locker room, Moore told the players to go out and enjoy the win, so the Scots returned to the floor to celebrate with the fans.

"Obviously the atmosphere was outstanding," Moore said. The emotional performance of Ellenwood was needed after Gorman fell motionless to the floor midway through the first half. Gorman suffered a concussion in a collision with Wittenberger and would return, but it was Ellenwood who stole the show.

"John [Ellenwood] rose to the occasion and played some very inspired basketball," Moore said. The outside shooting of the Scots was missing, only as they made two of 16 shots. The Scots also struggled from the foul line, shooting a dis-

mal 43 percent.

"If someone had told me before the game that we wouldn't shoot that well from outside, I would have said it would be very difficult for us to win," Moore said. "But we were able to overcome poor outside shooting with good rebounding and good defense."

But it was the inside dominance

of Ellenwood that carried the Scots to victory, a victory that catapulted the Scots to the top the NCAC.

"It was an outstanding basketball game," Moore said. "It was very intense and both teams played hard. What more could you ask for?" The only other thing Moore and the Scots could have asked for was a win. And they got it.

Scots destroy Oberlin 101-52

JAMES ALLARDICE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Scot basketball team got a gift from the scheduling gods. After probably the most demanding week of the regular season, the Scots get to take a break and enjoy their perch atop the NCAC.

After playing Allegheny and Wittenberg last week, the Scots play NCAC cellar-dwellers Oberlin twice in a row. On Tuesday night the Scots demolished the Yeomen 101-52 on the road.

Oberlin, standing at 0-19, did not provide much opposition to the Scots, as the game was well in hand by halftime with the score 48-21.

Eleven different Scots saw action, all eleven scored. Pat Noles '01 broke out of a recent shooting slump, scoring a game-high 17 points. Noles, who was 0-3 from three point land against

Wittenberg on Saturday, made an impressive 5-7 from downtown against the Yeoman.

Chris Gardner '99 and Nate Gaubatz '01 scored 12 points a piece, and Ryan Gorman '99 scored 11 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Also hitting double figures for the Scots was Ryan Pedon '00, who scored 10 points in his first career start.

Pedon started in place of Steve Thompson '01, who did not play. Also not playing in Tuesday's game was Brian Watkins '00.

Tuesday's game marked the second straight game against Oberlin in which the Scots scored over 100 points.

In the first round of last year's NCAC tournament, the Scots scored 107 points, cruising to the second round. Saturday could run the Scots' streak against Oberlin to three games of 100-plus points.

Lady Scots struggle with Witt

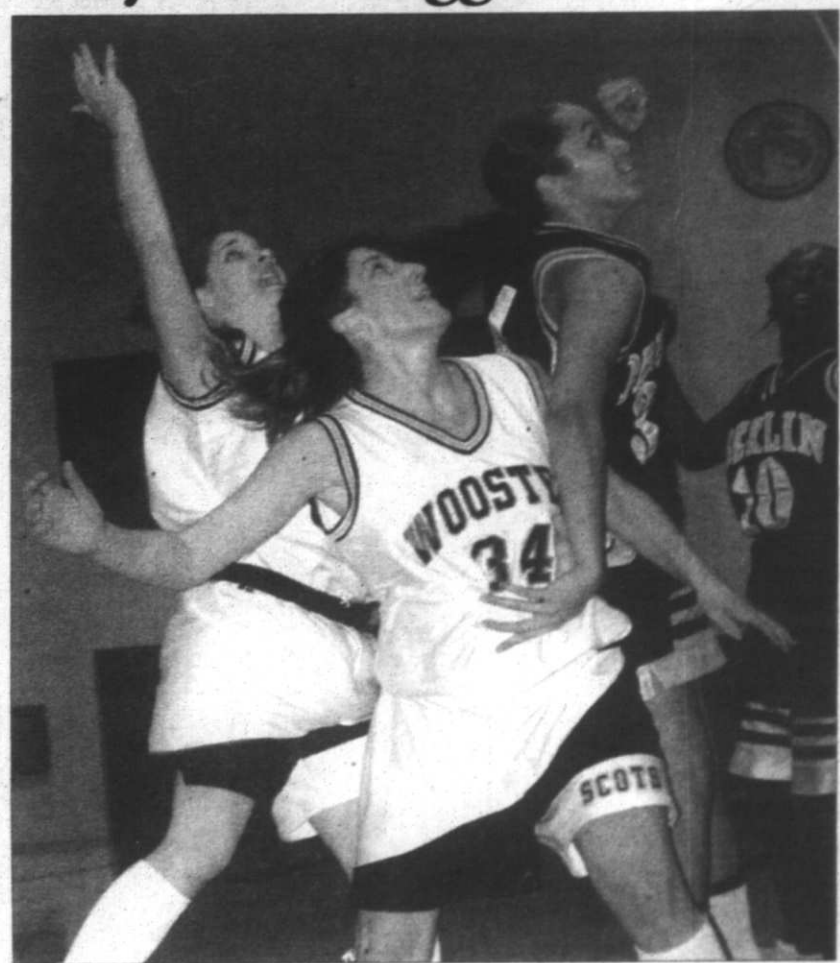


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LeAnn Uhinck '02 battles for a rebound against Oberlin on Monday night.

LUKE LINDBERG
FEATURES EDITOR

Inconsistency is the sign of a young team, and this year's women's basketball team is laden with first years. This would explain Head Coach Lisa Campanell Komara's team's inconsistent season.

The young Lady Scots got off to a 4-1 start, then suffered a five game losing streak. After that, it seemed Wooster had turned things around, beating Earlham and Allegheny.

But this week the Lady Scots' inexperience showed, with losses to Wittenberg and Oberlin. The Wittenberg loss is the worst the program has seen in five years.

It was ugly. It was a 92-52 loss. Even more disturbing, the Lady Scots were in the game at halftime, only down 10.

But the inexperience took over as Wittenberg scored 52 second-half points, matching Wooster's total for the game. The second half collapse could be attributed to many things, most notably poor shooting.

In the second half, the Lady Scots only made seven field goals, shooting a dismal 28 percent. Thirty-six turnovers also contributed to the Lady Scots' poor showing.

While on the whole, the Lady Scots played poorly, Maureen Mull '02 had the best performance of her career, contributing 21 points. Mull tied a school record, making all five of her three point attempts.

Only one other Lady Scot finished

in double figures — Aleashia Washington '00 finished with 13 points, pulling down 11 rebounds. The Tigers were able to limit Katie Montague '99 to six points.

On Monday night, the Lady Scots faced the most improved team in the NCAC. Oberlin came to Timken Gymnasium on Monday night and defeated Wooster 92-81. The Yeowomen are no longer the joke of the NCAC.

The Lady Scots fell victim to the Yeowomen, in part because of Oberlin's fundamentally sound basketball. Oberlin made 58 percent of its three point attempts, while Wooster only shot 38 percent from the field.

Six different Lady Scots finished in double figures, led by Erin Gertz '00 who chipped in 13 points. Next was Joci Horn '01 and Mull who each finished with 12 points. LeAnn Uhinck '02 scored 11 points, bringing down 15 rebounds. Also scoring 11 points was Montague, who was only three of 14 from the field.

Washington, continuing her impressive play of late, scored 10 points and brought down 15 rebounds.

Scoring was not a problem for the Lady Scots; defense was. They were unable to stop the Yeowomen. Nzinga Broussard lit up the Lady Scots, scoring 21 points and three other Yeowomen finished with more than 16 points.

Next, the Lady Scots will play Mt. Vernon Nazarene tonight and Oberlin on Saturday.

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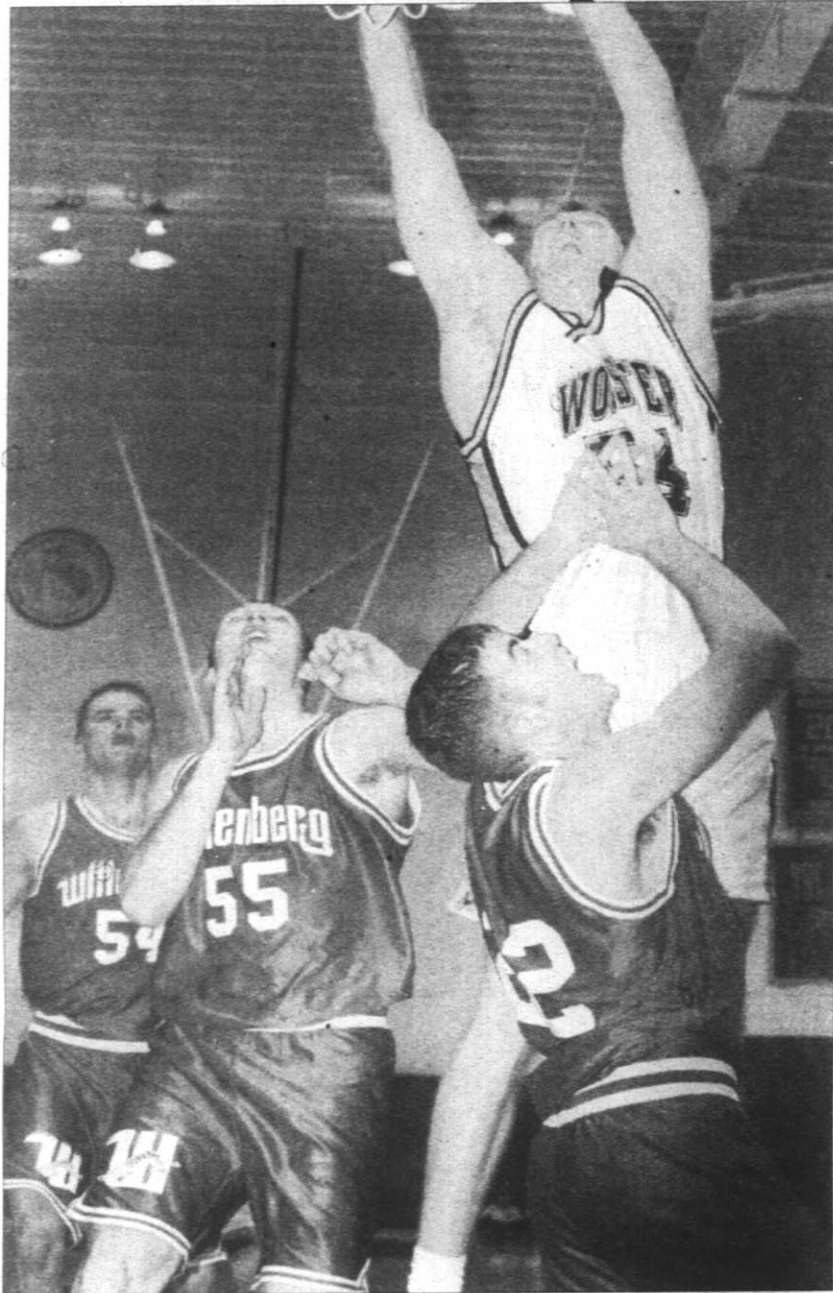
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Scots beat Witt, pull ahead in NCAC



John Ellenwood '00 dunks over a Wittenberg player in Saturday's 56-55 win. Ellenwood scored 27 points and had 11 rebounds.

JAMES ALLARDICE
SPORTS EDITOR

When All-American senior Ryan Gorman's name was called during player introductions before Saturday's game, John Ellenwood '00 left the bench. That was a sign of things to come.

Ellenwood stepped out of Gorman's shadow in Wooster's biggest game of the year, scoring a career high 27 points and pulling down a career high 11 rebounds. His performance led the Scots to a 56-55 win over Wittenberg, propelling them into first place in the NCAC. In a hard fought battle of the league's two top teams, the Scots were able to avenge an earlier loss

to the Tigers.

"I was very pleased with John's [Ellenwood] performance," Head Coach Steve Moore said. "He played a great game on both ends of the floor."

In this rivalry game, defense, as usual, was the key. Wooster's offense had been on a tear over the past three games, averaging 92 points per contest. But if anyone thought that Saturday's score would be in the 90s, they were disappointed. Over the years Wittenberg has been able to control the paint against Wooster, but the Scots, led by Ellenwood, were able to out-rebound the Tigers 34-26.

Wooster grabbed the lead midway through the first half and would not relinquish it until the 6:54 mark in the second half. After Wittenberg's Jon Stafford made two free throws, the Tigers clung to a 46-44 lead.

The Scots would recapture the lead after Steve Thompson '01 made a three pointer with 4:54 left. The Scots first three pointer could not have come at a better time. But if anyone thought the Tigers would back down, they were badly mistaken. Just seconds after Thompson cashed in from the three, Wittenberg's Kyle Krauss answered, making a three. The Tigers recaptured the lead, 51-49.

After Wittenberg took a 53-51 lead with one minute left in the game, Gorman scored two of his six points to tie the game. All season Wooster's key to success has been defense, and in the last minute of the biggest game of the year, it was the defense that made the difference.

The Scots forced a five-second call on the inbound after Gorman's bucket. Wooster got the ball back under their own basket and with 37 seconds to play, Antwyan Reynolds '02 showed the poise of a senior, drilling a three pointer to give the Scots a 56-53 lead. Wooster was only two of 16 from behind the arc, but both threes gave the Scots the lead, this one for good.

After Wittenberg made one of two free throws, Thompson was fouled and missed the front end of the one and one, keeping the score at 56-54 with 21 seconds to play. The Tigers had the ball, needing a two to tie, a three to win. Surprisingly, Wittenberg's Stafford did not get the ball.

"They have shown a tendency to go to their big men with the game on the line," Moore said. "They ran the same exact play to Mike Wittenbarger in the last minute of a game to tie earlier this season. We expected the ball to go to him." The ball went to the Tiger's center, Wittenbarger and he was fouled with six seconds left, shooting two free throws and a chance to tie the game.

After making the first free throw, Wittenbarger missed the second, but the Tigers retained possession after the ball went out of bounds off the Scots. With two seconds to play, the

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Swimmers beat JCU Prepare for NCAC Championships

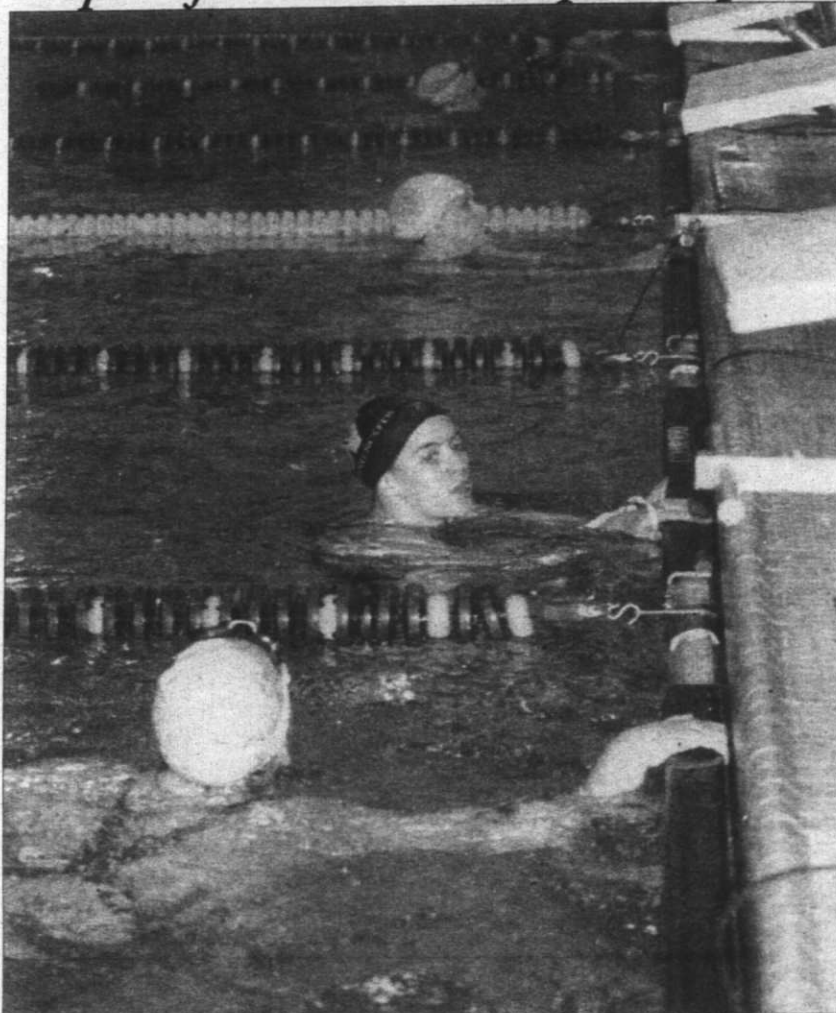


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Jacquie Gray '00 finishes a race on Saturday.

HOLLY BOCKBRADER
STEVE BAYUK

The College of Wooster's swimming and diving teams wrapped up their dual meet season with a pair of impressive wins over John Carroll Saturday afternoon. The Lady Scots marched to a 133-91 victory, and the Scots followed suit with a 118-92 triumph.

Wooster's women, who finished the season with a 6-1 dual meet record, posted a number of first-place finishes, highlighted by the 400-yard individual medley, where Leah Becki '00 raced to victory with a pool-record time of 4:42.72.

In addition, Carolyn Firchak '00 won the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:18.08, while Jessica Ritchie '02 captured the 100 freestyle and tied a pool record in the process with a time of 54.66.

Also, Michelle Cady '01 won the 100 backstroke (1:04.27); Beth Starling '02 was first in the 200 breaststroke (2:29.90); the 200 freestyle

relay with Cady, Starling, Jacquie Gray '00 and Ritchie placed first with a pool record time of 1:41.33.

Wooster's men, who raised their record to 5-2, fared just as well as the women, finishing first in seven out of 10 events.

Posting victories for the Scots were Steve Bayuk '00 in the 50 freestyle (21.91), Rob Harrington '99 in the 100 butterfly (57.69) and Wes Bennett '01 in the 100 freestyle (47.82).

First-place finishes were also secured in the 200 breaststroke by Jody Herzog '02 (2:27.41), and the 200 medley and freestyle relays. The 200 freestyle relay, consisting of Bayuk, Kagan McKittrick '00, Eric Knauss '02 and Bennett set a new pool record with a time of 1:26.80.

The Scots and Lady Scots have the upcoming weekend off as they begin preparation for the North Coast Athletic Conference championship meet, which will be held at Oberlin on Feb. 10-13.

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